

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application:

Thomas R. Goodwin

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Examiner: Pwu, Jeffery

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For:

NETWORK METHOD SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR RECORDING AND

MAINTAINING RECORDS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is written in Response to an Office Action dated July 21, 2005.

Claims Rejections 35 U.S.C. 112

The Examiner rejects Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner rejected Claim 3 as indefinite "...because it is unclear what are the necessary maintenance requirements." Applicant is unsure of the basis of the objection of the Examiner. First, Applicant is not claiming necessary maintenance requirements and did not use the definite pronoun "the" ahead of necessary maintenance requirements. What is claimed is a method of providing notification of maintenance requirements. This is described on Line 17, on Page 22, where an alert box (308) is used to issue alerts to a user. An example was given where an aircraft is out of annual, then an alert would issue. Also, on Page 23, the function of the search capabilities, specifically, the quick search (313), is explained where on can be alerted through a search to maintenance requirements such as front wheel alignments for automobiles. Moreover, the Applicant points out



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